

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Ladd led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Ladd called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Luke Otto, James Evans, Brady Hartmann and Rex Stacey present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Community Development Director Smith Strack, Assistant Public Works Superintendent Meyenburg, City Engineer Duncan, Community Services Director Koller, Police Sergeant Vycial and Police Chief Stier. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Mayor Ladd added 8.5. Discussion on the Drive Up to the Post Office to the business portion of the meeting.

MOTION by Councilmember Otto, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve the Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIE.

4. PUBLIC FORUM.

**Anyone wishing to address the Council must sign up before the meeting and then have a seat in the audience. The signup sheet is removed 5 minutes before the start of the meeting. Maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. No official action will be taken.*

None.

4.1. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Lee Petersen – Planning and Zoning Commission
Alternate February 2018 – June 2019
Commissioner June 2019 – January 2026

The recognition of Service was rescheduled.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 5, 2026.
- 5.2. Work Session Minutes of January 5, 2026.
- 5.3. Closed Session Minutes of January 5, 2026.
- 5.4. Resolution 26-017 Authorizing Luke Otto as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories.
- 5.5. Approve Large Assembly for Belle Plaine St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 14, 2026.
- 5.6. Resolution 26-008 A Resolution Requesting the Advance of Municipal State Aid Funds for Municipal Construction Projects.
- 5.7. Accepting Letter of Resignation from Suzanne Eidem, Firefighter with the Belle Plaine Fire Department, Effective December 31, 2025.
- 5.8. Resolution 26-012 Authorizing the 37th Annual Recycle/Clean Up Day for Saturday, September 19, 2026.

- 5.9. **Ordinance 26-01, Amending Fee Schedule.** The City Council will consider proposed Ordinance 26-01, amending Section 108.00 of the City Code by amending the City's fee schedule. The proposed change is the addition of the special license fee for additional cat or dog per household.
- 5.9.1. **Ordinance 26-01, Amending Section 108.00 of the City Code by Amending the City's Fee Schedule.**
- 5.9.2. **Resolution 26-009** Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-01.
- 5.10. **Ordinance 26-02, Repeal and Replace Tetrahydrocannabinol Products Code.** The City Council will consider proposed Ordinance 26-02, An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 3, Section 319.0 of the City Code Pertaining to Regulating the Sale and Use of Tetrahydrocannabinol Products.
- 5.10.1. **Ordinance 26-02, Repeal and Replace Chapter 3, Section 319.0 of the City Code.**
- 5.10.2. **Resolution 26-010** Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-02.
- 5.11. **Ordinance 26-03, Amending Consumption of Liquor on Public or Private Property.** The City Council will consider proposed Ordinance 26-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Section 410.00 Pertaining to Consumption of Liquor THC or Cannabis Products on Public or Private Property.
- 5.11.1. **Ordinance 26-03, Amending Chapter 4, Section 410.00 of the City Code.**
- 5.11.2. **Resolution 26-011** Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-03.
- 5.12. Accept 2025 EDA Annual Report to Council.
- 5.13. Resolution 26-015 Approve HRA Residential Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Improvement Grant Policy Update.
- 5.14. Resolution 26-016 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Belle Plaine Waste Water Treatment Facility Access Road Improvements as part of the Resiliency Grant Agreement with MPCA.

MOTION by Councilmember Ladd, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 5, 2026; 5.2. Work Session Minutes of January 5, 2026; 5.3. Closed Session Minutes of January 5, 2026; 5.4. Resolution 26-017 Authorizing Luke Otto as Signatory to Execute Financial Transactions for the City at Designated Depositories; 5.5. Approve Large Assembly for Belle Plaine St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 14, 2026; 5.6. Resolution 26-008 A Resolution Requesting the Advance of Municipal State Aid Funds for Municipal Construction Projects; 5.7. Accepting Letter of Resignation from Suzanne Eidem, Firefighter with the Belle Plaine Fire Department, Effective December 31, 2025; 5.8. Resolution 26-012 Authorizing the 37th Annual Recycle/Clean Up Day for Saturday, September 19, 2026; 5.9. Ordinance 26-01, Amending Fee Schedule. The City Council will consider proposed Ordinance 26-01, amending Section 108.00 of the City Code by amending the City's fee schedule. The proposed change is the addition of the special license fee for additional cat or dog per household. 5.9.1. Ordinance 26-01, Amending Section 108.00 of the City Code by Amending the City's Fee Schedule. 5.9.2. Resolution 26-009 Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-01; 5.10. Ordinance 26-02, Repeal and Replace Tetrahydrocannabinol Products Code. The City Council will consider proposed Ordinance 26-02, An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 3, Section 319.0 of the City Code Pertaining to Regulating the Sale and Use of Tetrahydrocannabinol Products. 5.10.1. Ordinance 26-02, Repeal and Replace Chapter 3, Section 319.0 of the City Code. 5.10.2. Resolution 26-010 Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-02; 5.11. Ordinance 26-03, Amending Consumption of Liquor on Public or Private Property. The City Council will consider proposed Ordinance 26-03, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Section 410.00 Pertaining to Consumption of Liquor THC or Cannabis Products on Public or Private Property. 5.11.1. Ordinance 26-03, Amending Chapter 4, Section 410.00 of the City Code. 5.11.2. Resolution 26-011 Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 26-03; 5.12. Accept 2025 EDA Annual Report to Council; 5.13. Resolution 26-015 Approve HRA Residential Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Improvement Grant Policy Update and 5.14. Resolution 26-016 Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Belle Plaine Waste Water Treatment Facility Access Road Improvements as part of the Resiliency Grant Agreement with MPCA. Councilmembers Ladd, Otto, Hartmann and Stacey VOTED AYE. Councilmember Evans VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

6.1. Community Services Department.

Community Services Director Koller highlighted the Community Services report.

6.2. Ambulance Department. (Report Only)

Ambulance Director Burton was not present. The Council acknowledged the Ambulance Report.

6.3. Police Department.

Police Chief Stier highlighted the Police Report.

6.4. Fire Department.

Fire Chief Otto was absent. The Council acknowledged the Fire Department Report.

6.5. Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Smith Strack highlighted the Community Development Report.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

MOTION by Councilmember Otto, second by Councilmember Ladd, to approve the reviewed claims as presented in the amount of \$191,485.35 ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Dugouts at Meadow Park. The Parks Commission has requested to use Parks Commission Funds for the addition of Dugouts at Meadow Park.

City Administrator Meyer reviewed the proposed Dugouts at Meadow Park. Councilmember Hartmann spoke on the project as the Council Liaison for the Parks Commission.

Council held brief discussion.

8.2.1. Resolution 26-013A Authorizing Dugouts at Meadow Park.

Resolution 26-013B Denying Authorizing Dugouts at Meadow Park.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve Resolution 26-013A Authorizing Dugouts at Meadow Park. Councilmember Hartmann, Otto, Ladd and Stacey VOTED AYE. Commissioner Evans VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

8.3. Pickle Ball Courts at Chatfield Park. The Parks Commission has requested to use Parks Commission Funds for the addition of Pickle Ball Courts at Chatfield Park.

City Administrator Meyer reviewed the proposed Pickle Ball Courts at Chatfield Park. Councilmember Hartmann spoke on the project as the Council Liaison for the Parks Commission.

Council held brief discussion.

8.3.1. Resolution 26-014A Authorizing Pickle Ball Courts at Chatfield Park.

Resolution 26-014B Denying Authorizing Pickle Ball Courts at Chatfield Park.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Otto, to TABLE Resolution 26-014A and B, Pickle Ball Courts at Chatfield Park. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED. 5-0.

8.4. Resolution 26-018 A Resolution Supporting the Dissolution of the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition.

City Administrator Meyer provided an overview of the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve Resolution 26-018 A Resolution Supporting the Dissolution of the U.W. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.5. Discussion: Drive Up to Post Office.

Mayor Ladd requested an update. Community development Director Smith Strack provided the last update from November.

Council held brief discussion.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.

1. Design, Monday, February 2, 5:00 PM.
2. City Council, Monday, February 2, 6:15 PM.
3. Work Session, Monday, February 2, 6:30 PM.

The Council was reminded of the upcoming tentative meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Otto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary